

**Table B-14. Science and engineering master's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998 who have not taken college courses since most recent degree and likelihood of taking additional courses, by major field of degree: April 1999**

Major field of 1997-98 S&E master's degree	Total number not taking college courses since most recent degree <sup>1</sup>	Likelihood will take college courses		
		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Very unlikely
All science and engineering fields.....	96,000	49,800	32,000	14,300
Total science.....	66,300	35,300	21,300	9,800
Computer and information sciences.....	15,200	6,500	5,800	2,800
Life and related sciences, total.....	9,100	4,500	2,700	1,900
Agricultural and food sciences.....	1,500	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	5,600	3,100	1,500	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	1,900	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	3,900	1,900	1,200	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	4,700	2,500	1,300	800
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	1,800	1,000	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	1,900	1,000	600	S
Physics and astronomy.....	900	S	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	18,000	11,100	5,200	1,800
Social and related sciences, total.....	15,500	8,700	5,200	1,600
Economics.....	2,000	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	6,100	3,000	2,300	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	1,700	1,100	S	S
Other social sciences.....	5,700	3,600	1,600	S
Total engineering.....	29,700	14,500	10,700	4,500
Aerospace and related engineering.....	900	600	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	1,300	500	500	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	5,000	1,600	2,300	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	10,000	5,400	3,100	1,500
Industrial engineering.....	2,700	1,500	800	S
Mechanical engineering.....	3,900	1,800	1,700	S
Other engineering.....	5,900	3,200	2,000	S

<sup>1</sup> Most recent degree as of the survey reference period, April 1999.

**KEY:** S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999